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Protection to Cow Breeds
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some breeds of cow are on the verge of extinction;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard;
(c) whether the Government proposes to set up cow sheds in various States of the country including Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government proposes to improve the pitiable condition of milch cattles including cows and make any special efforts to check Anna Pratha practice in Bundelkhand;
(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to protect the indigenous breeds of livestock in the country; and
(f) whether the Government proposes to formulate special monthly monetary benefit scheme to promote cow rearers, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)
(a)&(b) As per 19th Livestock Census-2012, only 20.81% cattle are crossbred against 79.19% indigenous cattle population. As per breed survey report 2013, the country has 37.92 million animals of recognized indigenous cattle breeds as against 23.78 million animals recognized indigenous cattle breeds during 2007. In order to compliment and supplement the efforts made by the States to protect and promote indigenous bovine breeds Government of India is implementing following schemes: a) National Programme for Bovine Breeding & Dairy Development (NPBBDD); b) Rashtriya Gokul Mission (part of NPBBDD); c) National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre; d) National Dairy Plan-I; e) Central Herd Registration Scheme; f) Central Cattle Breeding Farms and g) Central Frozen Semen Production & Training Institute, Bangalore. Following steps are being taken under these schemes to promote indigenous breeds; a) implementation of bull production programme (progeny testing & pedigree selection) for production of high genetic merit disease free bulls; b) induction of indigenous bulls of high genetic merit for natural service & Artificial Insemination; c) strengthening of bull mother farms of indigenous breeds; d) establishment of Gokul gram; e) establishment of two National Kamdhenu Breeding Centres one in Andhra Pradesh & one in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has been implementing "Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme" since September 2010 through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) throughout the country under which back ended capital subsidy (25% of the total sanctioned project cost for General Category and 33.33% for Schedule Tribe and Schedule Caste beneficiaries) is provided through eligible financial institutions, subject to the norms of the scheme. Under the scheme assistance is provided for establishment of small dairy units of 2 to 10 animals among other components. The unit cost for component of establishment of small daiary units includes purchase of cattle, cow shed, insurance etc. for proper care of cattle inducted under the component. Department has also initiated scheme namely "Rashtriya Gokul Mission" for development and conservation of indigenous bovines as project under "National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development". Establishment of cattle sheds is an integral part of Gokul Gram as one of the components of Rashtriya Gokul Mission. Rajasthan is participating under both the schemes.

(d)&(e) In order to enhance milk production and productivity of cattle Government of India has been implementing following schemes in all the States of the country including Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh: a) National programme for Bovine Breeding & Dairy Development (NPBBDD); b) National Dairy Plan-I; c) Rashtriya Gokul Mission part of NPBBDD and d) National Mission on Bovine Productivity.

(f) No, Madam. However, subsidy is made available to cattle rearers for establishment of dairy units of 2 to 10 milch animals under the scheme Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) details of which are given under reply to part (c) of the question.

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